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Part B for June 1928.

SUBJECT

Recommends that the candidature of Ved. Brahma Shri Sastry may be accepted and orders obtained for his succession to the Vacancy of Sravanabelagola and that a sum of Rs 3 may be sanctioned for the expenses of installation

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G.O. Nos 1970-72. dated 26.4.28

To the Secy. Commr. Comptr. & Ld Steward.

Sanctioning the Secy. Comr's recommendations

Only notes are forthcoming file - The entire correspondence

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Muzrai

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FILE HEADING.

Succession to the Jain math at Sa-belagola, Hassan District.

From

The Muzrai Commissioner,

No. C.832 Dated 11.3.1926 Received

Diary No. 1037 | Enclos 132 | Spare Copies — | Serial No. 1

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Recommends that the candidature of Ved Brahma Suri Shastry may be accepted, and orders obtained for his succession to the Peetah now vacant; and that a sum of Rs 3000/

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May be sanctioned for expenses connected with installation ceremonies.

1) Muz. 7. No. 215-25 relating to the demise of the Swamy of the math is submitted. The M.C's letter

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under advertence, and the Dy. Collector's letter dt 22-2-26 explain the facts of the case.

2) The nominee — Ved. Brahma Shastry is a young man of 24 and comes from the same of the previous swamy, and is reported to be well versed in Sanskrit and Jain religious literature.

3) Telegrams from Padmarajiah (1), Asthana Vidwan Shantarajiah Shastry and others of Mysore, and Vardhamaniah, President (2) of the Jain Association, protesting against the said nomination, and proposing Sri Nemisagarji as the best candidate to succeed to the Peetah, and also the appointment of a Committee (3)

4 The Inspr. General reports that the appointment of a Committee is wholly unnecessary, and that no importance could be attached to the complaints against Brahmin Sri Shastry which are the out-come of personal animosity and ill-feeling.

Submitted for orders.

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5 This is the most important Jain matt in this Whole of India and very influential learned disciples of the matt reside outside Mysore & should have a voice in the selection of a suitable successor to the Pitha of this institution. The meeting held at Shravanabelgola under the presidency of the D.C. Comr of the Hassan Dt on 19.2.26 does not seem to be Quite a representative one; and tho' the candidate now nominated by the D.C. Comr & supported by the Mysr. Govt may be a learned & deserving person, there have been protests from Mysore & other places. The matter is likely to give trouble, as the Last Jain matt succession has recently done, and it seems desirable to form a thoroughly representative Committee in which some gentlemen of weight & leading belonging to the community & who are disciples of the matt outside the State may be asked to serve, both the D.C. Comr or the Mysr. Govt as Chairman, to call for & trial proposals from this Committee in the matter & Orders solicited.

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1 It cannot be made out from the Dept' concerned by whom ~~was~~ the meeting at Sravana Belagola on the 19th Feb' last a Select a form was convened, whether formal notice of the meeting was issued & any steps taken ~~to~~ wide publicity among the members the general community in the locality, and how & in what manner the publication was made. On the absence of ~~the~~ information on the above points, will ~~it~~ not be possible to judge if the meeting held on the 19th Feb' was a representative one or not &

2 The DC may be ~~asked~~ asked to submit a report as soon from the DI on the above points ~~and~~ before the ~~case~~. Case of this nature

3 The Secretary Jain Educational Society & the Secretary Bharatavarshiya Digambara Jain Sangha may be also sent a Xerox copy for their comments, return with this report

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3.	To. mus Commr No 1203 Dy 19.3.26 Requests him to a full report for the D.C. as to whether due publicity of the meeting was given and by whom the meeting was convened etc.
4.	From. the Muz. Commr letter no. 832 Dy 27.3.26 Reports the reasons for the selection of Ved. Brahmn Sura Shastry, and adds that if further enquiry is necessary arrangements will be made for the same on the basis of the enquiry being entirely B The Muz. Comrs. letter explains the facts of the case fully.
1	Submitted for orders. As to whether Brahmn Suri Sastry may 30.3.26. be recognised as the Successor to the Pitha of the Sravana belgola matt under the circumstances reported by the Muz Commr Dy 15 Regd :- Member's minute on the previous page. 30.3.26 H. Rev. Secy 30/3

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17 Petition no. 1135 from numbers of disciples and resi of Sravanabelagola prayin that the candidature of Ved. Brahma Suri Shastry may accepted by Swāmi, is placed the file.

Submitted. 16 (1) The M. C's letter (with its - AV 31.3.26 BJ. 3.26 enclosure (D. C's letter), gives the facts of the case, (with regard to the members minute of (7th instant, supra).

2) ~~[illegible]~~ the circumstances the selection of Vedamurty Brahmana Sastry, recommended by the R.C., may be approved. For orders.

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W Are there any records in the Secretariat to show when and how the late Swamy was selected for the Gadi - whether there is any literature regarding the ~~Swamy~~ Sravana Belgola M

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M Petition (no. 1143 of 30) from the President of the Jain Education Fund Association pray that a Committee be appointed to settle the question as

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ve the best interests of the C munity and the prestige of the Matt is enrolled as directed.

V/ In para 6 of his letter, the M.C. points out that this Assoc is a secular body, and cannot advance any claim to intervention in religious matters.

V/ The papers send with the Appl of the previous warrant is subm for perusal as desired by the dec (M.F 442-14). The Rep presented by the disciples of the matt in person to the Hon'ble member on 29-3-26 is also placed on the file. The representation since received from the Jain Ed. fund association is also subm for perusal. The disciples in their Rep say that Mr Varadhamaniah whose the trustee of this fund is not a disciple of this matt, but belongs to the Maddagiri matt and that a secular association like this has nothing to do with religious matters. Certain defects in the man recommended by Mr Varadhamaniah wherein disqualify him to a

Now this letter relating regarding the matt is available in our records.

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pontifical seat are also pointed out. Especially that the main nominator of the association is not a Vaidik who alone is to be raised to the seat. The Mysore Govt. also says that the association cannot be allowed to interfere with a matter like this.

As regards the Cochin Sovereign says: Mr. Varadhamanah is not a disciple of the Matt, they should not be allowed to have any voice in the matter of succession to the Matt. On the other hand, Ved: Brahmasri Sastry is said to be a man related to the previous Swami and belong to an old Vaidik & respectable family, and well versed in the tenets & principles of the Jaina religion.

25 Refce:- Secy's Note § 31-3-26 above.

1/4/26 On the representation (since rec'd. enclosed) of the Jaina Edn. Fund Association, kind refce is invited to para (6) of the M.C.S report.

26 Rev. Secy 1/4

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27) would request reference to the Dy Commrs report of 11th Nov 1915 regarding the nomination of the new deceased Swami for the headship of the Mutt. There was a will of the previous Swami specifically nominating him (a another in the absence alternative), and a large no of disciples of various parts in the Mysore State unanimously approved of the selection.

28) On the present occn the meeting was postponed to be convened again of the disciples of the Mutt on the 17th ins February 1926 did not take place on the 16th. From the reports of the Dy Comm it cannot be considered as fully representative of the disciples - who are scattered in various parts — in Chitaldrug - Jain Centre - in Mattavara - Kadur Dt - Sakleshpur - Belur, Chamaraj Nagar Dt Saragur in the Mysore Dt.

In the Dy Comm who presided at the meeting when the present candidate was selected suggested as a precautionary measure that his name selection of the Jain disciples may be notified in the Gazette & opinions called for. This is no doubt an unusual procedure, as observed by the Rev Comm but that - view in the Dy Comm is supported by majority known that he was not guilty of the murder of the nomination of Sri Ved. Brahmacharya Swamy by which Command the acceptance of the General Jains in the different parts of the Mysore State

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Even without such publication, a no of petitions collected in File B - have been received protesting against the proposal.

There is no doubt that the protest is largely inspired by the Jain Dharma Sabha association. But in view of the fact that the general Jain disciples had not a full opportunity of expressing their opinion about the measure by the meeting, and as obviously the meeting called for on the 19th July at a short notice of only 2 days could not have been known to the disciples in distant parts, it is a point for consideration whether a fresh meeting of the disciples may not be held under the presidency of the D.C. after wide publication of it - an arrangement adopted in the case of the Kolar Avani matter. The meeting may be held at Harsan under chairmanship of the Swamiji Acharya.

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1st meeting

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~~I agree with the views taken by the Chief Commissioner~~

DJ The points for consideration are

(1) Whether the Jain community in general or only the disciples of the Guru ~~should be~~ are entitled to be consulted about the removal of the Swamiji

(2) In case all the disciples have to be consulted, will it be necessary to the 19th Feb of the D.C. a representative

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one held after the retirement and re-election of the Chairman

(1) On the expiration of the term of office of any Chairman or Deputy Chairman, or a Member elected to fill a casual vacancy, the Members present at the Annual General Meeting shall proceed to elect a Chairman or Deputy Chairman, as the case may be, in the manner provided by Rule 34 for the election of Members of the Committee.

(2) A Chairman or Deputy Chairman retiring at the Annual General Meeting shall be eligible for re-election.

Resignation of Chairman or Deputy Chairman

(1) A Chairman or Deputy Chairman may resign his office at any time by giving notice in writing to the Secretary, but he shall continue in office until his successor is elected.

(2) If the Chairman or Deputy Chairman ceases to be a Member of the Committee he shall cease to be Chairman or Deputy Chairman.

Removal of Chairman or Deputy Chairman

(1) The Committee may remove the Chairman or Deputy Chairman from office by a resolution passed at a meeting of the Committee specially convened for the purpose, and may appoint another Member in his place.

(2) The Chairman or Deputy Chairman shall be entitled to be heard at the meeting before the vote is taken.

Duties of Chairman

(1) The Chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Committee at which he is present.

(2) If the Chairman is absent from any meeting the Deputy Chairman shall preside.

(3) If both the Chairman and Deputy Chairman are absent from any meeting the Members present shall elect one of their number to preside at that meeting.

(4) In the case of an equality of votes the person presiding at the meeting shall have a casting vote in addition to his vote as a Member.

(5) In this connection the Committee shall have all the powers and duties of the Chairman

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To, Mus2 Comm= No 1287 Dy 10.4.26
Issues instructions indicating the lines on which further enquiries in the matter may be made & calls for Subn of a report in the case with Submr. bills & D.F.N.

12.4.26. (1) Ref= Mem= Order Sabre (Para 521) a revised typed D.F.N. is submitted for approval.
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(3) Final note is put up for Submission to Dewan

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with DSR.

(4) please put up D.S.R. 15/4 for submit.

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(5) S.R.V. Submitted
Dy. 17/4/26 Dewan)

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Final Note by the First Member of Council.

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Subject:—

Appointment of a successor to the Jain Mutt at Sravanbelagola, Hassan District.

In continuation of my Final Note dated 3rd February 1926, reporting on the demise of the Swamigalu of the Jain Mutt at Sravanbelagola, I beg to state as follows:-

2 The Deputy Commissioner, Hassan District, reported to the Muzrai Commissioner in his letter dated 22nd February 1926 that the disciples of the Mutt, along with the leading men of the Jain community from Hassan, Saligrama, Mysore and Sravanbelagola, had, by a previous arrangement, assembled at Sravanbelagola on the 19th February 1926, that he was also present at the meeting and that all the people assembled were of opinion that Ved. Brahma Suri Sastry, a young man of about 27 years, belonging to the family of the previous Guru, and well-versed in Sanskrit and Jain religious literature might be selected for succession to the vacant peetah. In view however, of possible objections to the selection from certain quarters, the Deputy Commissioner suggested that, as a measure of safety, the fact of Ved. Brahma Suri Sastry having been selected by the disciples of the Mutt may be notified in the Gazette and the opinion of the members of the Jain community invited in the matter before Government approved of the nomination. The offg. Muzrai Commissioner (Mr. B. Ramaswamaiya) in submitting the Deputy Commissioner's report, recommended for reasons stated in his letter of 11th March 1926, that the candidature of Ved. Brahma Suri Sastry may be finally accepted by Government.

3 Meanwhile, several telegrams were received by Government from Mr. Vardhamaniah, President of the Jain Education Fund Association, Mysore, and also from Padmarajiah, Asthana Vidwan Santarajiah and others of Mysore, protesting against the nomination of Ved. Brahma

Ved. Brahma Suri Sastry, proposing one Sri Nemisagarjee as the best candidate to succeed to the Peetah. and suggesting the appointment of a committee for the selection of a Guru. A deputation of some important members of the Jain community headed by Mr. Vardhamaniah of Mysore also waited on me and urged the appointment of a committee by Government for the selection of a competent Guru, as was done in the case of the Balehonnur Mutt. These petitions were forwarded to the Muzrai Commissioner and he was also requested to submit a further report as to whether the meeting held at Sravanbelagola on the 19th February 1926 referred to above was a representative one, by whom it was convened and whether formal notice of the meeting was issued and wide publicity given to it among the members of the Jain community in the State.

In reply, the Muzrai Commissioner reported that in accordance with the previous practice in the matter of the selection of a successor to this Peetah, the responsible local officers conducted enquiries and held a meeting of the disciples of the Mutt and that the Jain Education Fund Association to which Mr. Vardhamanaiah and others who objected to the nomination of Ved. Brahma Suri Sastry belonged being purely a secular body dealing with the education of boys belonging to Jaina community had no right to be consulted in the matter of selection to the Peetah. He therefore supported his original recommendation that Ved. Brahma Suri Sastry's nomination to succeed to the Peetah right be approved and added that. if further enquiry was considered necessary. arrangements would be made for the same, on the lines of the enquiry being indicated.

As the matter appeared to me to require further investigation, before a proper decision could be arrived at, I minuted as follows on 5th April 1926:-

"The points for consideration are-

"(1) Whether the Jain community in general or only the disciples of the Mutt are entitled to be consulted about the nomination of the successor to the Mutt? and

(2) In case only the disciples have to be consulted, was the meeting held on the 19th February by the Deputy Commissioner a representative one, held after due notice to all the disciples of the Mutt?

"In respect of (1), before arriving at a final decision on the point, it is desirable to hear what the members of the Jain Association have to say about it; and I would therefore ask the Muzrai Commissioner to give them a hearing in the presence of the leading members of the other party, if possible and favour Government with his opinion ~~about (1)~~ in due course.

"As regards (2), I should like to know if the disciples of the Mutt are confined only to the towns of Hassan, Saligram, Mysore and Sravanbelagola residents of which alone attended the meeting held by the Deputy Commissioner on 19th February, and whether there are not disciples of the Mutt in other places in the Mysore State and outside; and if so, whether due notice of the meeting to nominate a successor should not be given to them if the resolution passed at the meeting is to be considered as reflecting their opinion. The Deputy Commissioner's letter itself would seem to show that he is doubtful if the meeting held by him was a sufficiently representative one of all the disciples of the Mutt.

59 "In this connection, the Muzrai Commissioner's attention may be invited to the allegations made by some of the petitioners against the genuineness of the will referred to in his letter; and he may be asked to enquire into and report on this point also."

60 6 In accordance with the above minute, the Muzrai Commissioner has been requested in this office letter dated 10-4-1926

to make further enquiries and submit a report on the lines indicated therein and his report is awaited.

61 In view of the importance of the case and the agitation that has been ~~set~~ up in some of the local newspapers about the matter, I beg to submit the above report of the facts of the case, with the papers relating to it, for the gracious ~~approval~~ perusal of His Highness.

FIRST MEMBER OF COUNCIL.
14.4.26

14-4-1926.

Submitted to His Highness.

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b/ *I submit herewith a Final Note by the.* First *Member of Council on the subject of* the appointment of a successor to the Jain Matt at Sravanabelagola, Hassan District. *for His Highness' gracious ~~approval~~.* perusal.

Bangalore,
16th April 1926.

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Record of Cases submitted for the Orders of His Highness the Maharaja.

Subject.

Papers relating to the appointment of a successor to the Jain Mutt at Sravanabela gola, Hassan District.

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Re: Succession to Sravanabelagola Mutt
from, the Asst. Comr
Letter no. C. 832 dy 4.5.26.
Submits a revised draft
notice in Kannada, and solicits
approval of same for its pub-
lication under the name of the
Dy. Comr in the official Gazette
and in some of the English and
Kannada News Papers published
within and outside the State.
" Submits for orders

12.5.26 A Notice as per draft
Subd by the M.C. may be published
in the Gazette & in the news Papers
under the signature of the Dy Comr.

13-5-26 Rev. Secy

1st & 2nd Members

This file was given to me in person by the 2d Member on 9.6.26.

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The Asst Comr's office file on the subject has been obt^d and submitted for kind perusal. The applications rec^d from the Jain Association are said to have been forwarded to the Dy Comr Hassan: They are not in this office also.

All efforts to trace papers, if any, relating to the installation of the Swamigals Persons of the deceased Swamigals have proved fruitless.

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P.A to 2d Member with Compts

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I do not think it is advisable to publis a notice in newspapers in and outside the State on the lines proposed by the Deputy Commissione or the Muzrai Commissioner.

The action to be taken in dealing with this case was clearly indicated in our letter dated 10th April 1926. The Muzrai Commissioner was requested to enquire into three points:

(1) whether the Jain community in general, or only the disciples of this Mutt are entitled to be consulted about the nomination of a successor to the late Swami;

(2) in case only the disciples of the Mutt have to be consulted, whether the meeting held on the 19th February 26 was a sufficiently representative one, and if its finding can be acted upon;

and (3) whether the allegations against the genuineness of the will of the late Swami are well-founded.

The Muzrai Commissioner's letter dt/ 5 26 is silen regarding points (1) and (3) and it simply proposes the publication of a notice calling upon the disciples of the Mutt in and outside the State to establish before the Dy C. ~~him~~ their claim to be considered as such.

The first point for investigation is whether there is any genuine will left by the late Swami and if there is, what is the expressed wish of the Swami as to who should succeed him. If there is a definite statement on this point in the will, if the will itself is genuine, and if the nominee is a person fitted to occupy the peeta, the solution of the case will be largely

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largely simplified. The usual procedure is to approve of nominations made by previous Swamis, provided, of course, the nominees are eligible persons.

If the will is not genuine, or if there is no definite ~~xxxxx~~ intention expressed in it as to who should be appointed to the peeta, the next question to be considered is who should be consulted about the succession and in what manner It is an established practice that it is only to disciples of ~~the~~ a Mutt that can claim to have any voice in the selection of candidates to be its head. The Jain Association which, as stated by ~~the other~~ one party and the Muzrai Commissioner, is a secular body, cannot rightly claim any voice in the selection of a successor to the vacant peeta. If there are, however, any disciples of the Mutt among the members of the Association, they are, of course, welcome to express their views as to who would be the most eligible person to ~~xxxx~~ occupy the peeta.

Even among the disciples of the Mutt it will not be possible, for practical reasons to expect such of them as are outside the State to take any active part in the selection of a successor to the vacant peeta. The expression of opinion in this respect must necessarily be confined to the disciples within the State.

The meeting held on the 19th February 1926 however representative of the disciples of the

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Mutt. was held after very short notice and it is desirable to give a much longer notice, hold another meeting, and ascertain the wishes of the disciples of the Mutt. I would, in these circumstances, suggest that the District Commissioner may be requested to first investigate into the genuineness of the will and if it can be taken as genuine, whether there is unanimous expression of opinion by the disciples as to who should be appointed to succeed him. If there be any such opinion, a list of names before the public meeting to be convened for ascertaining the wishes of the disciples. If there is no such expression of opinion, a meeting will be free to express the opinion as to who is the most eligible person to occupy the vacant seat.

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Received on
14 JUN. 1926
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The R.C. may be asked, as suggested in Memo, to go into the question of the title under which it is a genuine document. If he has any doubts on the point or if he finds, on a consideration of all circumstances of the case, that a Private Committee may be appointed by Govt. on the selection of a successor, he may be asked to suggest names of the members, with himself as Chairman. In such case a Private Committee seems to answer

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Re purpose of this Man a public meeting.

If the Members agree order may issue as suggested by me.

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Please put up draft accordingly

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D/H. Granted accordingly, for approval.

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16.6.26.

Rev. Secy)

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For Government approval

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Draft as attached may be issued.

A final Note is submitted in continuation of Note of 14.4.26 for reporting to His Highness the lines on which the Muzrai Commr is requested to take further action.

Mud
24/6/26

GPS: Draft as submitted by Secy. Please add D.O. letter to Resident & Chief Secy to Govt

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In the Inuz. Court in my Secretariat Camp no. E Dy 24. 6. 1926.

Suggests the lines on which further enquiry may be made in matter of the succession to the Jain Matt at Sravanabelagola.

Submitted with a D. S. N. for approval

Ag 24. 6. 1926

Refd:- Member's minute thereon.

Rev. Secy

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Final Note by the Second Member of Council

Subject:—

96 Appointment of a successor to the late Swamigalu of the Jain Mutt at Sravanabelagola, Hassan District.

9 I beg to invite reference to Mr. K.R.Srinivasaiengar' Final Note dated 14th April 1926 reporting the action taken i regard to the appointment of a successor to the late Swamigal of the Jain Mutt at Sravanabelagola, Hassan District. One o the points referred for enquiry by the Muzrai Commissioner wa whether the Jain community in general or only the disciples o the Mutt were entitled to be consulted about the nomination o a successor to the Peetah. In his letter dated 1st May 1926, the Muzrai Commissioner has proposed to publish a notice in the official gazette and in some of the newspapers in and out side the State calling upon the disciples of the Mutt to esta blish before the Deputy Commissioner, Hassan, their claim to be considered as such. The publication of such a notice will not serve any useful purpose. It is reported that the late Swamigalu left a will, but allegations have been made impugning its genuineness. The first point for investigation is therefore whether there is a genuine will left by the late Swamigal and if there is, what is the wish of the late Swamigalu expressed in it as to who should succeed him. If there is a definite statement on this point in the will —— assuming that the will is a genuine document —— and if the nominee of the late Swamigalu is a person fitted to occupy the Peetah, the solution of the case will be simplified. If, however, there is no will, or the will is not a genuine document, or, even if it is genuine, there is no definite mention of any successor named in it, it will be necessary to form a small committee to advise Government regarding the selection of a new Swamigalu, as suggested by the Dewan in his minute dated

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13th June 1926. The Muzrai Commissioner has been reques to take action accordingly and to submit an early report.

9b I beg to report these facts for the gracious information of His Highness.

M N Venkatarama Rao

Mysore,
24th June 1926.

Second Member of Council.

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Submitted to His Highness.

97 *I submit herewith a Final Note by the*.....Second.....

Member of Council on the subject of....appointment..of a

...succeasor...to...the..Swamigalu..of...the..Jain..Mutt..at.....

...Sravanabelagola,...Hassan..District..... ....

for His Highness' gracious approval.

Mirza M. Ismail

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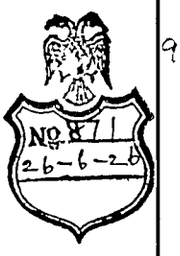
Subject.



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Submitted for perusal.
II nd member
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1926

A representation received from
some gentlemen of the Jain community
is placed in the file [illegible] to
Notice the following points:-

The present agent is not a disciple of
the mutt

The late Swamigalu and the gentlemen
present in the Pattada at the meeting
held by D.C. Hassan are not disciples of
the mutt.

3 The Jain Basadis & the mutt are for Sravana
in the temples at Shravanabelagola which is an
important place of pilgrimage for all Jains and both
are for disciples of the mutt. According the
Vice-Dean of the discipleship of the mutt alone can not
be taken in selecting a successor to the deceased
Pontiff and gentlemen other than the disciples of
the mutt may therefore be appointed as
Members of the Committee appointed to
advise Govt in matters of the selection
& Swamiji's note out of Collection made
on the occasion of the Mastakabhishekha.

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With the Jain Tirtha Khesha Committee.
This Committee Makes annual collections ~~for them on behalf of~~ on acct of Sravanabelgola
For these reasons the Secy of the Said Committee may be appointed as a Member of the Committee appointed to advise Govt in Selecting a Guru for the Vacant Peetah.

5. The need for Making prompt arrangements for Selection so that the Peetah may not remain Vacant after the month of next Sravana

6. A Local committee may be appointed to See that Contributions received from pilgrims are properly accted for, until the next Swamigalu is appointed and and arrangements may be made for depositing these amts in Court Try.

7. Accts and documents are reported to be missing and Govt are requested to take action for tracing them out So that the Moneys belonging to the Matt may be accted for

Points 1 to 5 relate to the action to be taken for Making ~~the~~ Selection of ~~the~~ a Successor to the late Swamigalu and have to be considered in Settling the personnel of the Committee for advising Govt regarding the Selection. Points 6 and 7 require enquiry and action in the light of results of enquiry. ~~The repn~~

The representation may be sent

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M.C in original with the above remarks.
He may be asked to return it with his report
Mrk
30/6/26

Please attend above
CRs
30.6.26

Draft note for
being up
30/6

Dft. submtd, as per orders above,
AD 30.6.26. for approval.
Rev. Secy
30/6

VL
- Submitted on 30-
- Pls. see note
P.S. 1/7

approved issue
CRs
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8 To, Mem Commr
No Camp. Dt 1.7.26.
Forwards for early report the representation dt 28.6.26 from Mr Shantiraja Sastry & other gentlemen of the Jain community bringing to notice certain matters in regard to the selection of a successor to the late Mr Ath.

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DEWAN'S OFFICE,

No. 133

Dated 8-7— 1926.

D. 37

Petition, as shown below, to the Dewan of Mysore is transferred to the Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, ...Revenue.....Department, Bangalore. ~~for~~

It may be forwarded to the Muzrai Commr. for Consideration along with the question of Constituting a Committee for considering the question of a Successor to the Matt.

No. of

Agent of the Sravanabelagola Matt saying that the candidate selected by the Dy Comr has the approval of the disciples of the Matt and that representations made by the Varthamanaiya a party (who is not a disciple) should not be paid attention

By Order,

Private Secretary
to the Dewan of Mysore.

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17.7.26. Issue at once
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To The Mysore Govt.

No 92 Dt 17.7.26.

Forwards for consideration & report a petition
No. 37/133 Dt 8.7.1926 from the Agent of the Sravanabelgola
Matt stating that the candidate selected by the
Durbar has the approval of the disciples of the Matt and that no
objection be paid to the representations of Mr Vardhamiah
& his party who are not Matt disciples.

Fr. Mr. Vardhamaiah - President of the
Jaina Education Fund Association
Mysore.

Submits a list of names of the leading
members of the Community in the State including
the Sishyas of the Matt for selecting members
to Compose the Committee for appointing a successor
to the late Swamiji of the Jain Matt at
Sravanabelgola.

II. Members address in the letter

This may be sent M. C in
Continuation of the last communication
addressed to him.

Init. M.N.K.
19.7.26

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118	Petitions from Mr. D. Nabhinajeen (nos 112 & 113) and other Jain residents of Sabigram and Sravanabelagola urging the succession of Srivan Brahma Suri Shastry to the vacant Peetah of Sravanabelagola shall are submitted.
119	Member's order on petition No. 113 :— May be acknowledged and sent to Dy. C. Submit. with P/S. AV 27. 7. 26. BG 27.7.26 Issue VM
	Endt. to the Sct. applying the Acknowledgment issue. BG 2/8/26
9.	From, The Asst. Comr. letter no. C. 832 dt 31. 7. 26 Reports that there is no need to go into the question of genuineness or otherwise, the title as it indicates [illegible]

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circle from which a successor may be selected, and that he is taking steps for constituting a small Committee for the selection of a person and adds that he will submit the names for the approval of Govt.

2. The Communication has been perused by the Member (Vice also by the Secy. minutes on the original Corr.) May the issue of the further report be awaited?

Submitted. Yes. JS
7/8
7/8/26 7.8.26

10 From the Mwy Corr. No C 832 of 25-26 & 3rd Sept 26 Submits for the appt of Govt. nominees 2 Calicut gentlemen from the Committee with history as enclosed & states that the Dy Collr Hasan Sahib may be appd on the Committee.

2 members remain in the P.W.D. We may ask the Collr to state how many are disciples of the "Mulla" & how many non-disciples.

Draft Jun.
Sd
4.9.26

For perusal before issue.
Rev Secy) JS 4/9
GB 7/9

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11. To, The Imperial Cons.
Letter no. 497 dt 9.9.26.
Enquires how many and of the 7 gentlemen proposed to form a Committee for the selection of a Guru, are disciples of the Math, and how many are non-disciples.

12. From, The Imp. Cons.
Letter no. C.832 dt 17.9.26.
Reports that out of the 7, 3 gentlemen (Nos. 1, 3 and 7 refd. to in Sl. 10) are disciples and the rest are of the Jain Community.
27 Submitted with draft to Govt 123 Confidential members minutes.

R — Recorded on Sl 10
A. — 24.9.26 Orders are solicited if the proposals contained in Imp. letter no C 832 dt 9.9.26 may be approved.
R — 25.9.26 Orders on (H R).
Ref. to Rev. Sec.)
KF 24/9/26

(2nd member)

Rev 27.9.26.

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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF COUNCIL.
25 SEP 1926
No 2346.

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136) The Committee may consist of Seven Members as proposed by the Mezrai Comm^n. With the latter as its chairman. Of the Seven I think the majority should be Sishyas of the Mutt. A Section of the Jain Community has been agitating that the non-disciples of the mutt should not be permitted to influence the Selection of a Successor. This contention can not be accepted as Sravanbelagola is not only the Seat of the Swami of this mutt but it is also an important place of pilgrimage for Jains of all Sections and the Swami is the Manager of the Endowments allowed to the temple at this place: In these circs the no of Sishyas may be four and that of non-disciples three. The Mez Comm^n may leave out one of the non-disciples now included in the list of Seven and take in his place a Sishya. This change, he may make himself, without referring the case again to Govt. The question of Succession has long been pending and it has to be settled without further delay. The Committee has to be requested to make a definite recommendation regarding the particular person who may be appointed to the Vacant Peeta. It is necessary to impress this on the Committee. The committee appointed in the case of the Swami mutt has left this important point unsettled

X Shall deal with this case shortly

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27. SEP. 1926
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and hence the need for recommending this Committee that a specific recommendation in regard to the person to be selected should be sent up.

Dewan)

27/9/26

CRo 27.9.26

I agree

27.9.26

Submitted for perusal

CRo 28.9.26

2nd member)

28/9

28/9/26

draft CRo 28/9/26

revised and typed draft put up. for approval.

Please see my marginal note on the draft for orders.

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No 2430

OFFICE OF THE
SECOND [illegible] COUNCIL
1 OCT. 1926
No 2519

FINANCIAL [illegible]
2 OCT. 1926
No..

As the committee is to consist of seven members of whom four are to be ~~[illegible]~~ and three non-officers, it is presumed that the Govt's recommendation to nominate Dr Hassan as member is not proposed to be accepted. For orders: It is not clear why the Govt member should not be consulted & his opinion recorded before the Govt's decision is communicated to the Council.

2nd member) 30.9.26

Govt. 2/10. Issued 2/10/26

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13.	To, Mer. Commr. No 667 dt 4-10-26 Approves of the M e's proposal with certain modifications & requests that the final recommendation of the Committee may be submitted to Govt at an early date
14	From the Mg: Comr., letter no. C. 832 of 25-26 dt 9-10-26 States that no local committee is necessary and that the existing arrangement may continue — (37) In this office letter no. Y dt 1-7-26 it was suggested that a local Council might be appointed to properly account for contributions recd from pilgrims & to trace the missg accounts & documents. The S. D. O (Mr. M. Sadasiva Rao) after personal inspection on 14 & 15th Augt 26 and confidential enq made on the spot, is of opinion no such committee is called for that the present agent is a capable & trustworthy man, who has

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a good record of Mail service and that he should not be disturbed.
He states further that no large known will be forthcoming till a successor is appointed to the post, as the am contributed between Oct 25 & June 26 was only Rs 80-8-0.

139) With regard to the missing accounts, the D.C. reports that an inventory of the articles in the Chamundarayana Basti was taken after the cremation of the Swamigalu and that arrangements have also been made to take an inventory of the articles in the sleeping chamber and other rooms of the Mutt. A further report in this matter is promised.

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As the M.C. agreeing with the S.D.O & the D.C thinks that there is no need, under the circumstances, for the appointment of a local Committee & that the existing arrangement may continue, it is subd for orders as to whether this letter of the M.C. may be simply recorded.

) Refer member's minutes in paras 105 & 10 of the note. Submitted for perusal. As may be done.

SD
15/10/26

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142) No action is called for on this letter at present. The petition of the Mysore gentleman made serious allegations against the Agent. It was therefore ~~decided~~ a question whether a Co.ee might be appointed for the management in place of the present agent. Mr. Sadasiva Rao has made an exhaustive report which shows that no such Committee is necessary.

143) A report is due from the Committee ordered to be formed in our letter of 4th October 26 regarding the succession. The Mysore Govt. will be asked to expedite the report.

144) The papers are now subd for perusal

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Second Assembly

9.11.26

145) Br dft calling for Mr C's report of Co.ee re succession

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146). Draft letter is subd.

8/11/26 12/11/26

Two petns. one from S. B. Arcapiah at Saligram & another from Dorlaji Jinadasa Sastri, Agent of the Math

OFFICE OF THE SECOND MEMBER OF COUNCIL
8 NOV. 1926
No 3140

No 818

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Mr. S. B. Adirajiah prays that Srim Vedamurti Brahmasura Sastri may be selected to succeed to the Jain Matt. The Agent objects to the appointments of Mr. A Santiraja Sastri and Brahmasree Javanappanavara as members of the Committee & strongly urges to his appointment on the Committee to represent the matt interests.

148 In this office letter no: 668 of 4.10.26 to the M.C., the appointment of a Committee of 7 members — 4 Shisheyas & 3 non-shisheyas — has been approved.

A draft forwarding these 2 petns to the M.C. for disposal.

149 In the draft already put up, a para forwarding the above 2 petns to the M.C. for disposal, is added, subject to approval.

sd 20/11/26 20.11.26 Put up (illegible) 150 Submitted for perusal & orders 20/11

FINANCIAL SECRETARY 20 NOV 1926 No. 1139

151 Draft as slightly revised may issue 20/11

15 To, mun Commr 152 Issue mw 22/11
No 968 of 26.11.26.
Invites ref to para 2 of letter dt 17th Halls for report of the Committee re the selection of a successor to the matt.

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16 From the Mar Com: No 832 & 23.12.26
Recommends for reasons stated
the appt of 2 add. members viz
Mr Vaithianadhan & Mr
Wm Gnanambalagoka Succession
Committee.

153 Draft reply conveying appl
of the proposal is put

24.12.26

Member

24/12

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OFFICE OF THE SECOND EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
27 DEC. 1926
No. 4402

FINANCE
No 2142

17 To
The Mar Com
No. 1181 & 28-12-26

Approves of the recommendation
in
155 Mr. Secy submits

12.7.27.

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Subject.- Selection of a person for appointment as Swami of the Sravanabela gola Mutt.

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157 The Committee apppointed to select a person for the vacant Headship of the Mutt at Sravanabela gola has not been able to make a definite recommendation. It consisted of 9 members and 5 of them have supported the selection of Mr. Brahmasuri Sastri, while the remaining 4 consider him totally unfit for the place. The Chairman —— the Muzrai Commissioner —— agrees with the latter four and including his vote, the position is that five are in favour of Mr. Brahmasuri Sastri and five against him.

158 The Muzrai Commissioner considers that there is no use in appointing another committe to make a nomination and has suggested that Government might themselves make a selection and close the case. I agree in this view.

159 Strong partisan spirit has been evinced by the members of the Committee as also by others who have taken interest in this matter. The party against Mr. Brahmasuri Sastri has made serious allegations against his moral character. It is difficult to say what truth there is in these allegations. In selecting

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selecting a person for the Headship of the Sravanabelagola Mutt which is held in high respect by Jains throughout India, I think it is necessary that the choice should fall on one whose antecedents are irreproachable and it is desirable to discard nominees against whom there is even any suspicion of questionable conduct. As there is a large section of the Jain public which rightly or wrongly believes that Mr. Brahmasuri Sastri is not worthy to be called to this high place, I consider that his selection cannot be accepted.

160 Apart from the question of the imputations against his character, there is the fact that Mr. Brahmasuri Sastri is not a person of great learning: vide report dated 12th October 1927 of the District Inspector of Schools and the report dated 13th October 1927 from the Assistant Inspector of Sanskrit Schools. The Muzrai Commissioner states that the affairs of the Mutt were far from satisfactory when the previous Swami was alive and this is attributed to the influence which the Agent of the Mutt Mr. Dorbala Jinadasa Sastri was exercising over the Swami. Mr. Brahmasuri Sastri, the candidate suggested by five of the members of the Committee is the son-in-law of Mr. Dorbala Jinadasa

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Jinadasa Sastri and a section of the Jain public as well as the Muzrai Commissioner consider that the management of the Mutt is not likely to improve if Mr. Dorbala Jinadasa Sastri and his party continue to control the affairs of the Mutt as they are likely to do if Mr.Dorbala Jinadasa Sastri's son-in-law is appointed as the Head of the Mutt. These are other reasons against the selection of Mr. Brahmasuri Sastri

(b) Sravanabelagola is an important place of pilgrimage for Jains of all sections throughout India and the Swami of the Mutt is the Manager of the endowments enjoyed by the temple there. The Head of the Mutt should therefore be a man of great learning and high character and the best choice possible should be made keeping only these considerations in view. As the Committee appointed to make a recommendation has not helped us, the only course open to us is to consult two or three respectable Jain gentlemen who can be expected to give us disinterested advice as to who would be in their view a worthy person to be appointed to the vacant Peeta. The party against the nomination of Mr. Brahmasuri Sastri has stated that it has not been the practice to appoint only a Sishya of the Mutt to be its head.

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head. It is also stated that the late Swami was not a sishya, nor is Mr. Brahmasuri Sastri the candidate proposed by four of the members.

The names of five gentlemen from ~~whom~~ among whom a selection might be made have been suggested by the five members who are against the appointment of Mr. Brahmasuri Sastri. We migh send to the Jain gentlemen to be consulted lists of these names and request them to suggest either one of these five gentlemen or any other who in their opinion is in every way fit to occupy the place and act according to their advice if it is found acceptable.

Muz 29-10-27

Dewan

16/- Discussed with the Dewan. DO to Mr C may be issued.

Muz 29-10-27

18 DO No 49 Dt 31-10-27 to the Muzrai Commissioner

19 DO No C e (A) 27 Dt 17-12-27 Govt to the Muzrai Commissioner

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Received on
30. DEC. 1927
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Final Note by the Second Member of Council.

Subject:—

Appointment of Swastni-Sri Brahmachari Nemisagara Swamiji to the vacant Headship of the Jain Mutt at Sravanabelagola.

185 In continuation of my note dated 24th June 1926, I beg to report that, as stated therein, a committee was appointed to advise Government in regard to the selection of a competent person for the Headship of the Mutt at Sravanabelagola. This Committee was, however, not able to make a definite recommendation as reported by the Muzrai Commissioner in his letter dated 30th September 1927. The committee consisted of nine members and five of them supported the selection of Mr. Brahmasuri Sastri, while the remaining four considered him totally unfit for the place.

2. The party against Mr. Brahmasuri Sastri has made serious allegations against his character. It is difficult to say what truth there is in these allegations. In selecting a person for the Headship of a Mutt like that at Sravanabelagola, which is held in high respect by Jains throughout India, it is necessary that the choice should fall upon one whose antecedents are irreproachable and who is a person of great learning and high character. Apart from the imputations against his character, it is reported that Mr. Brahmasuri Sastri is not a person of great learning: vide Report dated 12th October 1927 from the District Inspector of Schools, and the Report dated 13th October 1927 from the Assistant Inspector of Sanskrit Schools.

3. In view of the facts mentioned in the preceding para, it was considered desirable to make an independent enquiry for the selection of a worthy person for the vacant Peeta. The four members of the committee who are not in favour of Mr. Brahmasuri Sastri, have suggested in the Memorandum submitted by them the names of five persons and have requested that any one of them might

might be nominated. The first place in this list is given to Swasthi-Sri Brahmachari Nemisagara Swamiji who, it is reported, is held in high esteem by the Jain community.

The Muzrai Commissioner was, accordingly, requested in my D.O. letter dated 31st October 1927 to make enquiries about this gentleman and ascertain all the particulars necessary for deciding whether he is in every way worthy to be appointed to the vacant Peeta and he was also asked to find out if any of the other candidates suggested by the four members of the Committee is equally or better qualified. The Muzrai Commissioner has reported in his letter dated 17th October 1927, after making enquiries in and outside the State, that Swasthi-Sri Brahmachari Nemisagara Swamiji is undoubtedly the most eligible among the persons suggested for the place. It would, however, appear that this gentleman has declined the Headship of another Mutt already offered to him and that it is not, therefore, quite certain whether he will agree to be appointed as the Head of the Mutt at Sravanabelagola. The Muzrai Commissioner, however, considers that, if properly approached, he may be persuaded to become the Head of the Sravanabelagola Mutt.

4. In the circumstances explained above, I beg to suggest that the nomination of Swasthi-Sri Brahmachari Nemisagara Swamiji may be provisionally approved and the Muzrai Commissioner authorised to make the offer to him and ascertain his views. If the gentleman accepts the offer, the formal order sanctioning his appointment may be issued; otherwise, further action will be taken to make the next best selection after obtaining the orders of His Highness.

Bangalore,
29th December 1927,

M. V. Venkatarama Rao
MEMBER OF COUNCIL.

Submitted to His Highness.

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I beg to submit herewith for His Highness's gracious perusal and approval to the proposal made therein a Final Note by the Second Member of Council on the subject of nominating a Guru to the vacant headship of the Sravanbelgola Mutt.

Bangalore,)
30th Decr. 1927.)

Mirza M Ism

Record of Cases submitted for the Order of His Highness the Maharaja.

Subject.

Appointment of Swasthi - Sri Brahmachari Nemisagara Swamiji to the vacant Headship of the Jain Mu at Sravanabelagola.

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166 *Order.*

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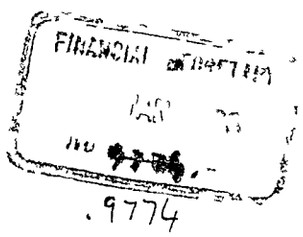

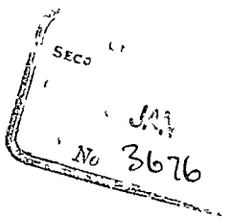

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167 The Mysr Commr may be addressed Demi-officially. He may be requested to make an early report.

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168 Draft D.O letter to the Mur Comr is submitted for appl. orders.

BB 10/1/28 2nd member) 10/1/28

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169 Mur 10.1.28

D.O Signed by the Fin: Secy BB 10/1/28

170 Mur BB 10-1-28

20 D.C. letter no. 1102 dy 10.1.28 to the Mug: Comr:-

States that Govt accept his recommendation to appoint Swasti Sri Brahmachari Nemisagara Swamiji to the vacant Pitha & requests him to make an offer to him & ascertain his wishes.

D.O. letter no. C.C (a) 27 dy 9-4-28

21 from the Mug: Comr-

Forwards in original a copy of the letter recd. from the gentleman accepting the office & requests that orders approving of the nomination may be issued

171 Members order on the letter.

Fl Secretary (Mug) with compliments. Drafts of Final Note & G.O. approving

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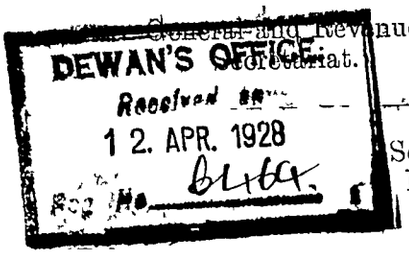

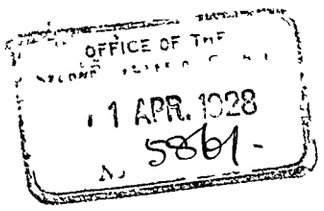

of the nomination of Vemisagaram Swamiji may be put up early".

172 Drafts were accordingly put up-

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11.4.28

2nd Member 11/4

173 Final Note and Draft 11/4

Put up — Mull
11.4.28.

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12/4/28

Dewan with D.O. 12/4/28

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Final Note by the Second Member of Council.

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Subject:—

Appointment of Swastni Sree Brahmacnari Nemisagara Swamiji to tne vacant place of Headsnip of the Jain Mutt at Sravanabelagola.

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175 I suggested in my note dated 29th December 1927 that, in the circumstances explained in it, the nomination of Swasthi Sree Brahmachari Nemisagara Swamiji to the vacant place of Headship of the Jain Mutt at Sravanabelagola, might be provisionally approved, and the Muzrai Commissioner authorised to make the offer to him and ascertain if he would accept it. This suggestion was approved by His Highness on 4th January 1928. The Muzrai Commissioner has reported in his D.O. letter dated 9th April 1928 that Nemisagara Swamiji has consented to be the Head of this Mutt. I now solicit that the final approval of His Highness to the nomination may be graciously accorded.

Bangalore,
11th April 1928.

MEMBER OF COUNCIL.

56

Submitted to His Highness.

I submit herewith a Final Note by the Second Member of Council on the subject of - Appointment of Swasthi Sree Brahmachari Nemisagara Swamiji to the vacant place of Headship of the Jain Mutt at Sravanabelagola.- for His Highness' gracious approval.

Mirza M. Ismail
Dewan.

Bangalore,
12th April 1928.

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Record of Cases submitted for the Orders of His Highness the Maharaja.

Subject.

Appointment of Swasthi Sree Brahmachari Nemisagara Swamiji to the vacant place of Headship of the Jain Mutt at Sravanabelagola.

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176 **Order.**

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Issue
2nd warning
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As the number is given
for Mr. Sheelam, I
have not done the
subsidiary work
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1/18 Order issued
Submitted to the Second Member
for kind perusal.

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18.4.28

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22 To. mun Comr, D.C. Hassan. Dy.
Comrs of other Dts, Supdt, Revenue
& Settlements, Cmpt & Haynes
No 1855-68 dy 18.4.28
Approves of the
nomination of Swami the Sree
Brahmachari Nemi Sagara
Swamiji to the Mat as
also the appointment of a
local Committee by the
Mun Comr & requests the
M.C. to see that the insta-
lation is done early

23. From, the Mun. Comr
Letter no. C.832 dy 24.4.28
Reports that the installation
is fixed to the 2nd proximo, and
requests that a Sum of Rs 3500/-
may be kindly sanctioned from the

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matt funds for Asrama expenses and adding that as desired by the Committee, Mr. Surappa, Dist. Economic Supdt., Tumkur, may be deputed to proceed to Karkal with the members of the deputation, to bring the Swamy, and if there is any difficulty, the manager of the M.'s office may be deputed (Hd. Cl.) for the purpose. The travelling expenses being met by the matt.

180 H.T. G.O sanctioning is submitted.

AV 25.4.28

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No. 6168.

(A matter with Hon'ble Y.A. I presume)

2nd Member 181 Appd. Mr. Surappa may be permitted to attend to this work as his services are specially required by the Committee. The file may be shown to Dewan Secy (Mr. Surappa is on Dist. Economic Supdt) before issuing the order

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182 Shown Mr. Surappa & then to Dewan

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183 Dewan 25/4/28

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Sl. 24. To the Secy. Com'n, Comptt.
and D. C. Nagaon.
Re. 1970-72 dated 26.6.28

Sanctions the Secy. Com'n's
recommendation. —.

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184 Submitted to the Secretary Member for perusal of the Dewan's orders.

Sd/ 27-4-28 2nd Member Sd/ 27/4

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Telegram dt 26-4-28 from the Disciples of the Matt & residents of Sravanabelagola. forwarded by the P. S. to H. H. vide no. 789 dt 27-4-28.

Protest against the succession to the Matt of the person approved by Govt.

185 Subd for orders.

Sd/ 1/5/28 2nd Member Sd/ 1/5

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186 I do not think the representation made in the telegram requires any consideration. It has already been decided that in the case of this Matt the disciples alone can not be held as having the sole right to be consulted in selecting persons to occupy this place. As for allegations made in the telegram about the ancestry etc of the nominee, they need not I think be considered. It is admitted that the nominee is a man of learning and high character. Nothing to

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Stated against him personally even in the Telegram. The person chosen is I think worthy of occupying the place and it was with great difficulty that he could be persuaded to accept the office. The orders passed are to be carried out and the installation arranged to take place on 2nd inst and may go on undisturbed.

(Devan) 1.5.28

DEWAN'S OFFICE. Received on 2. MAY 1928 Reg No. 6909

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Telegram 2.5.28 by Bettadabagalu Padmaiya to the Dewan, expressing dis-approval by the Jain Community of the succession of Neemisagar Swamiji

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188 Subd for perusal and orders, if any.

8/7.5.28 2nd Member 18/7/5

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Memorial no. 1546 addressed to H. H. The Maharaja by The Jain Community of Shravana-belagola, enclosing a copy of the Proceedings of a meeting held on 2-5-1928 complaining against the Recent Succession of Veerasagara Swamiji.

A 19th May This also be filed?

Submitted
17.5.28

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19 MAY 1928
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19 MAY 1928
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19th A. Yes

19.5.28

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The Mysore Jaina Association,

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Received on
5 - JUN. 1928
Reg No. 7614

Mysore (S. India)
DEWAN'S OFFICE
Received on
14. JUN. 1928
Reg. No. 1804

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Presented in person by the President and eight members of the association.
Submitted for perusal.
Dewan and 2nd member.
3.6.28.

May 2nd, 1928.

B. Srinivasa Iyengar, Esq., B.A., B.L.,
Financial Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
Bangalore.

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Respected Sir,

We beg to submit the following resolution passed unanimously in Public Meeting at Sravanabelgola on the Installation Day, for your kind information and submission to Government:-

"Jains assembled in Public Meeting here in thousands from all over India respectfully submit their most grateful thanks to The Benign GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE, for the ardent solicitude that is being evinced by them in the welfare and progress of this ancient Jaina Guru Pitha of all India fame and importance, and for the gracious recognition of the claims of the Jain Community in general in respect of this their paramount Mutt, and for the best possible selection made for the Gadi in SWASTHI SRI BRAHMACHARI HEMISAGARA SWAMIJI of eminent qualifications and universal esteem, which has caused supreme satisfaction throughout India.

We beg to remain,
Respected Sir,
Your most obedient servants,
For THE MYSORE JAINA ASSOCIATION.

(Brahmappa Tavanappanavara)
President.

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12.6.28.

Final Note by the First Member of Council. 64

Subject:—

Succession of Swasti Sri Brahmachari Nemisagara Swamiji to the Headship of the Jain Mutt at Sravanabelagola.

In continuation of my note dated 11th April 1928, I beg to state that the gracious orders of His Highness conveying approval to the nomination of Swasti Sri Brahmachari Nemisagara Swamiji to the vacant place of Headship of the Jain Mutt at Sravanabelagola, were communicated in Government Order No. 1857-68/Muz.247-25-22 dated 18th April 1928. The new Swamy was duly installed on the 2nd ultimo. The President and some Members of the Mysore Jain Association presented personally a copy of the resolution passed at the public meeting held on that day at Sravanabelagola expressing gratitude for the best possible selection made for the Gadi in Swasti Sri Brahmachari Nemisagara Swamiji of eminent qualifications and universal esteem. I beg to submit this resolution for the gracious perusal of His Highness.

Bangalore,
12th June 1928.

MEMBER OF COUNCIL

Submitted to His Highness.

I submit herewith a Final Note by the..First.....

Member of Council on the subject of..succession of...

Swasti Sri Brahmachari Nemisagara Swamiji to the

Headship of the Jain Mutt at Sravanabelagola

for His Highness' gracious approval.

Mirza M. Ismail

Dewan.

14-6-28

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Record of Cases submitted for the O
of His Highness the Maharaja.

Subject.

Succession of Swasti Sri Brahma
chari Nemisagara Swamiji to the Head-
of the Jain Mutt at Sravanabelagola.

Order.

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289 submitted to the Revd
Member for Finance C.

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No. 7458

24/6/28